REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 40-66 are in the case. No amendments are presented with this response.

The claims stand rejected on obviousness-type double patenting grounds as allegedly constituting obviousness-type double patenting over claims 10-23 of U.S. Patent 6,258,795. In response, and without conceding to the merit of this rejection, the applicants hereby submit a Terminal Disclaimer executed by the undersigned, together with a copy of an attached executed Assignment which has been submitted simultaneously herewith for recordal in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Withdrawal of the outstanding obviousness-type double patenting rejection is now believed to be in order. Such action is respectfully requested.

Allowance of the application is awaited.

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